

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting:

Feb. 22, 2007
6:30pm, WP Ballroom

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Feb. 14

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2007 Tournament Schedule

Feb 25	Regular
Mar 18	Regular
April 15	Regular - Two Man Qualifier - R1
May 20	Regular - Two Man Qualifier - R2
June 24	Presidents *Major*
July 1	Away Tournament - Deer Ridge
July 22	Directors *Major*
Aug 19	TC Surprise I - Colored Balls
Sept 8, 9	Club Championship *Major*
Oct 14	Regular - Skins Completion
Nov 18	TC Surprise - 5 Club
Dec 16	Turkey Shoot - 08 Norcal Qualifier

Presidential Focus

Fellow members, We've survived Christmas, ringing in the New Year, January's Frost, and now the void of post-Super Bowl. NO MORE FOOTBALL???? (Sorry, the Pro Bowl isn't a game!). Then let's play golf!!

We were able to re-schedule our rained-out December Tournament during January, followed by our annual Super Bowl Tournament on Super Sunday. The turnout for both was gratifying. Thanks to all who participated. This was also the final round for qualifying for the NorCal Qualifying Tournament, which will send four fortunate players to play Poppy Hills and Spyglass to represent our Club. Now that the Super Bowl is History, we can enjoy the bantering of those who won, those who didn't, and most importantly, "Ranking those commercials!!!". Like the game, they also had their Good, Bad, and Ugly!

As we sail this ship we call "the Men's Club" into 2007, I want to recognize the job that your Tournament Chairman, Tony Paniagua, is doing. If no one realizes the efforts and energies that Tony has given us, at NO rewards to himself, other than self satisfaction. I want to acknowledge his commitment, fortitude, energy, and respect that he's brought to his stewardship. Tony, I'm sure that you have a "silent" posse amongst our members who recognize and appreciate all that you have brought to this

club. Thank you and, GET BACK TO WORK!

Hit 'em straight, fairways and greens. Next monthly Meeting is February 22nd. Next Tournament is Feb. 25th.

George Vance, President

Tales from the Rough

Big thanks to all of you who stuck it out for our "Frozen Tundra at Willow Park" tournament. It certainly was interesting trying to get the ball to stop on a frozen green. I've never seen a golf ball bounce that high on pavement. I know many of you have difficulty hitting the fairway in good weather but if you were lucky enough to hit a frozen patch in the fairway the results were sometimes quite spectacular. Thanks again to all of you who stuck around during our 3 hour delay and played through the "Frozen Tundra".

Well the quest for the "Willow Cup Skins" has begun. It is only the first tournament so everyone is still in the running. Remember you can't get points unless you play.

The first round of the NCGA qualifier is also in the books. As in the past we will take the top two Gross scores and the top two Net scores. The first round Gross leaders are Mark Hemenez(75) and John Hone(77). The first round Net leaders are Dave Albiar(68) and Keith Portue(70). The final 18 will be conducted at our February 4th tournament. There are at least 5 players within 5 shots of the leaders in both the gross and net categories.

In addition to the statistics posted on the wall in the spike room I'm told that there will be some new statistical additions available for viewing on the web page as well. Our ace Web Master and our ace Newsletter Editor have gotten together and devised a master plan to provide you with more information on the web site. I've already provided them with the statistics for them

to work out the logistical problems so keep an eye open as I hear the new features will be coming soon.

If you haven't contacted me with your requirement for a cart and cannot play if carts are not allowed I'm still looking to build up the reference list. I've got about 15 names so far. Not to late to add your name to the list.

I know some of you are wondering about the increase in the Tournament entry fee. As you may know the membership is currently lower than projection. What you may not know is that the prize fund is the biggest expense (yes even bigger than the cost for the NCGA player memberships). In trying to maintain the standard for the prize fund set over the past several years it was determined that a subsidy from the entry fee was needed. What this means is that the extra surcharge collected as part of the entry fee will go directly to the prize fund pool. This will however be a small portion that is needed and funds will also have to be allocated from the budget. It will take a month or so to get this all worked out so what you will see is that the first couple of tournaments the prize fund will be lower than it has been in the past. We still may have to lower some things a bit to compensate for the lower membership but hopefully the money allocated from the budget along with the entry fee subsidy will bring the monthly prize fund at or near last year's totals. I thank you in advance for your understanding and patience while we work all this out.

Continuing on the topic of the prize fund, while the budget allocation is being reviewed and finalized the tournament flight winners will not have the option to get their winnings in the restaurant. All prizes awarded will be in Pro Shop Gift certificates only. I hope to once again offer the option for the restaurant soon and will keep you updated on the progress of it being reinstated.

Please remember that there is a second tournament in February. Originally I did not schedule a January tournament but added a second in February hoping for good weather in February. So far this year the weather

has cooperated although colder than normal. Let's hope the weather continues to cooperate and let us play golf.

Next Tournament: Sunday February 25
Format: Individual Stroke Play with multiple flights.

See ya all on the course...

Tony Paniague,
Tournament Chairman

"At Large" Columnist

Each month this column is from a different Officer, Director or Chairman.

Well here we are kicking off the 2007 season at Willow Park. Now that the fairways are no longer the "Frozen Tundra" we can get back to the business of Golf and not how many extra pairs of socks, shirts and protective gear we should be wearing.

As your Vice President I'm officially empowering you to have the best year ever. That is to say you are free to score well, win some bootie from the pro shop, win some side bets if applicable and most of all have fun and enjoy yourselves.

While you're having all this fun you might want to invite or gently persuade your friends and neighbors to join WPMC so they won't feel left out when you brag about all the fun you've been having for the bargain basement price of \$99.00

Keep your head down and your balls on the fairway.

Your Vice President
Mike Jones

Meet Your Board

Larry Cobleigh -- Membership chairman

I joined the club in 1976 and was Tournament Chairman for the next 26 years. I've been Membership chairman for the last 5 years. I guess I'm part of the club clique. At least that's what I have been told. It's not bad, I enjoy it. In all of those years those that called us a clique never attended meetings, tried to make

themselves known or volunteered for a darn thing. Someone has to do it, so I guess that leaves you with a clique. It's the same in all clubs. In the 31 years I've been a member my handicap has run from 9 to 28. Unfortunately the older I get the more it raises. The main thing is I still have fun playing and belonging to a club of great guys!

Commentary From The TC

Today's topic "Tournament Entries"

On occasion I will use this format to comment on existing topics or bring to you news or changes that I do not cover in my regular monthly article. This month's topic deals with the issue of late entries.

I know it's hard to believe but yes I do get entries after the deadline. I know and accept the fact that it is part of doing business. I'm also not going to lie to you and tell you it's no problem either. I have for the most part been able to accommodate them all and most of the time was able to comply with your request. This however has gotten larger rather than smaller so I'm going to have to make some changes to how they will be handled in the future.

Entries received on or before the deadline will continue to be guaranteed a spot in the tournament.

Entries received after the deadline but before the player count is given to the course are not guaranteed a spot and will be added if space is available. If there are no open spots you will be added to the "Stand-By" list described in a moment. Any request you have made will try to be accommodated but if an opening does exist your option may be that you will have to play in the group and at the starting time where the opening is located rather than what you may have requested.

Entries received after the player count is provided to the course will be assigned any available open spot. If there are no open spots you will be added to the "Stand-By" list described in a moment. If an opening does exist

your only option will be to play in that group at that starting time.

The "Stand-By" list is used to fill cancellations. Late entrants who are not able to get in because no openings are available will be added to this list. The names are listed and subsequently contacted in the order they were received.

I understand that there will be times when extenuating circumstances such as family or work obligations will warrant exceptions. As they come up they will be handled on a case by case basis with no guarantees.

Please note that once you are assigned a group and starting time you must play in that group at that time. Switching and playing in another group even if there was an opening without the prior approval from the TC will result in being disqualified for missing your starting time.

Basically if your entry is received after the deadline you may be playing with a group and time not of your choice. Get your entry in on or before the deadline and you will in all likelihood play with the players you want and at or near the starting time you wanted.

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The 2007 Willow Cup

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